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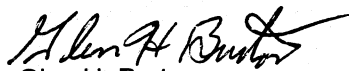
Dear Senator Walker and Representative Lockhart:

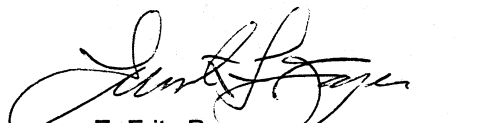
As the Metropolitan Planning Organizations responsible for orderly transportation development in the urban areas of the Wasatch Front, the Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Utah Valley Regional Planning Committee have jointly adopted the attached resolution, which details our concerns with population growth and the integration of public transit, highways and non-motorized transportation into a unified plan. It is our belief that only a 'shared solution' involving all modes of travel will work to address the traffic congestion that will certainly grow and even overwhelm our transportation system without a significant effort to upgrade capacity and efficiency.

We are convinced that an integrated solution for highways, transit and non-motorized transportation is the only effective method of dealing with the coming population boom and consequent increase in travel demand for the high growth areas of the Wasatch Front area. It is our belief that transit facilities such as TRAX and commuter rail will allow for a much more efficient functioning of our highway system during peak travel demand (rush hour commuters and special events); hence, our support of an integrated transportation plan. In addition, we believe transit service on the Wasatch Front will improve the quality of life and will help the Region compete for economic development opportunities.

Therefore, we, by this Resolution, encourage you and the other members of the Task Force to consider the funding for all modes of transportation as you make recommendations for meeting our state's future travel needs.

Sincerely,


Glen H. Burton,
Chairman, Wasatch Front
Regional Council


E. Fritz Boyer
Chairman, Utah Valley
Regional Planning Committee of
the Mountainland Association of
Governments

Attachment

cc: Governor Olene S. Walker
Transportation Task Force Committee Members
Transportation Interim Committee Members
John Njord
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**RESOLUTION OF THE MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE
WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) and the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) are metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) required under federal law and responsible for the planning of transportation infrastructure improvements in the Weber, Davis, Salt Lake and Utah County urban areas, and

WHEREAS, the governing boards of MAG and WFRC are comprised of mayors and elected county officials from those urban areas, and

WHEREAS, the two metropolitan planning organizations represent 81 percent of the population of the state, and

WHEREAS, by the year 2030, the population in the two MPOs is expected to increase by 54 percent, travel demand is expected to increase by 76 percent, and individual delay will increase by 94 percent with the implementation of the Long Range Plans and by 300 percent without any improvements, and

WHEREAS, MAG and WFRC have determined that an integrated or 'shared' transportation solution involving highways, transit, and non-motorized modes of transportation is essential in maintaining the mobility of citizens, visitors and goods in the Wasatch Front Region, and

WHEREAS, this continued mobility is critical to the continued economic health and quality of life in Utah's urbanized areas, and

WHEREAS, the two MPOs have developed detailed Long Range Transportation Plans based on the 'shared solution' principle, and

WHEREAS, the two Plans have been carefully coordinated with each other, and

WHEREAS, additional revenues will be needed to implement the recommendations of the Long Range Transportation Plans, and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature has created a task force to examine transportation needs and funding possibilities in the State.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MAG and WFRC jointly declare their support for a 'shared solution' involving the integration of highways, transit, and non-motorized modes of transportation to address the future transportation needs of the public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MAG and WFRC jointly call upon the Legislature and its designated study committee, the Transportation Planning

Task Force, to review and support state and local funding solutions, as appropriate, to implement necessary highway, transit, and non-motorized transportation improvements in the Mountainland and Wasatch Front Regions, and

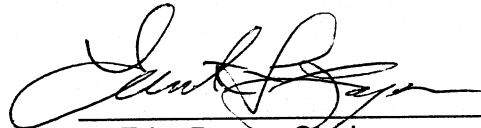
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that current transportation funding sources be respected and maintained, including all sources of the Class B and C Road Fund for local roads, the General Fund contribution to the Centennial Highway Fund, and the existing sales tax authorization currently committed to transit in Davis, Weber, Salt Lake, Tooele and Utah Counties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MAG and WFRC members and staff will work closely with Task Force members and the Legislature in general to ensure that the integrated or 'shared solution' involving highways, transit, and non-motorized modes of transportation called for in the Long Range Transportation Plans be recognized, funded and implemented.



Glen H. Burton, Chairman
Wasatch Front Regional Council

Date 5/24/04



E. Fritz Boyer, Chairman
Utah Valley Regional Planning
Committee of the Mountainland
Association of Governments

Date 6/3/04